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June 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any documents relating to the marketing, sale, purchase or discussion of boats to be used for law-enforcement purposes, that took place in the last 2 years. Please also include any documents that mention the terms "Metal Shark", "Metal Shark Boats", "MetalSharkBoats.com", "32Defiant", "32 Defiant", as well as any purchase orders of boats in the past 2 years, as well as any maintenance contracts for said boats.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 3 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Public Member

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**Colonel John Aubrey, Sheriff**  
**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office**

531 Court Place, Suite 600, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 • Telephone (502) 574-5400 • Fax (502) 574-6909

July 7, 2020

Public Member  
Muckrock News  
DEPT MR 87854  
411A Highland Ave.  
Somerville, MA. 02144-2516

Public Member,

Please accept this correspondence as a response to the Open Records Requests received from you on July 2, 2020.

*You have requested "any documents relating to the marketing, sale, or discussion of boats to be used for law-enforcement purposes, that took place in the last two years. Please include any documents that mention the terms "Metal Shark", "Metal Shark Boats", "MetalSharkBoats.com", "32Defiant", "32 Defiant" as well as any purchase orders of boats in the past two years as well as any maintenance contracts for said boats."*

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has taken delivery of our new 32' Defiant, manufactured by Metal Shark Boats.

The Sheriff's Office competed in the 2018 and 2019 FEMA Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and was awarded the 2019 Grant to acquire a new patrol vessel with special Homeland Security capabilities not available in Sector Ohio Valley previously.

The boat is designed and built by Metal Shark Boats in Jeanerette, LA, and is outfitted with a Radiation Detection system, Drone Detection and Identification system in addition to traditional maritime functions such as Side-scan Sonar, FLIR Camera System, Raymarine navigational aids in addition to life safety equipment to assist in treatment and rescue operations on the river.

The boat is being outfitted with basic marine equipment currently and will be launched in the coming weeks for our river unit members to begin training and certification on its equipment and procedures.

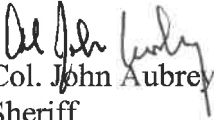


The PSPG Grant award was announced in August of 2019 and the performance dates are Sep.1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2022. The total Grant Award was approved for \$435,891.00 in the award notification.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office partners with USCG Sector Ohio Valley, Louisville Metro Police, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Jeffersonville Police Department and New Albany Police Department river units in addition to Louisville Fire Department and Harrods Creek Fire Protection District's River Rescue Boats. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office also supports Kentucky Radiation and Nuclear Detection Concept of Operations mission with the Kentucky Radiation Health Branch and Ky. State Police, Vehicle Enforcement (Radiation Detection) missions.

Upon receipt and review of this response if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Col. John Aubrey  
Sheriff



**METAL SHARK** [www.metalsharkboats.com](http://www.metalsharkboats.com)

Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC dba Metal Shark  
160 Boro Lane  
Franklin, LA 70538  
(337) 364-0777

# INVOICE

Date	5/28/2020
Invoice#	32DJeff.01

Bill To
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
531 Court Place, Suite 600
Louisville, KY 40202-3312

Terms	Net 30
Sales Rep	John Hotz
Phone #	(337)364-0777

Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Total
1	32' Defiant	32 Defiant Welded Aluminum Pilothouse Patrol Monohull	\$421,119.00	
1	Progress Payment	50% Due Upon Acceptance	\$210,559.50	\$210,559.50
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$210,559.50</b>
			Sales Tax (0.0%)	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$210,559.50</b>

Please detach this section and enclose your payment.

**Make Checks Payable to:**  
Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC  
Mail to:  
Metal Shark Boats  
Attn: Finance  
160 Boro Lane  
Franklin, LA 70538

**Wiring Instructions:**  
Triumph Bank  
5699 Polar Avenue  
Memphis TN, 38119  
ABA# 084009111  
Account# 310021647  
Account Name: Metal Shark Boats

Invoice Number	Invoice Date
32DJeff.01	5/28/2020
Total Due	Currency
\$210,559.50	USD

**Award Letter**



**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Richard Harrison  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
531 Court Place  
Louisville, KY 40218 -

Re: Grant No.EMW-2019-PU-00452

Dear Richard Harrison:

Congratulations, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, your application for financial assistance submitted under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Port Security Grant Program has been approved in the amount of \$326,918.00. As a condition of this award, you are required to contribute a cost match in the amount of \$108,973.00 of non-Federal funds, or 25 percent of the total approved project costs of \$435,891.00.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Agreement Articles (attached to this Award Letter)
- Obligor Document (attached to this Award Letter)
- FY 2019 Port Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

In order to establish acceptance of the award and its terms, please follow these instructions:

Step 1: Please log in to the ND Grants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Step 2: After logging in, you will see the Home page with a Pending Tasks menu. Click on the Pending Tasks menu, select the Application sub-menu, and then click the link for "Award Offer Review" tasks. This link will navigate you to Award Packages that are pending review.

Step 3: Click the Review Award Package icon (wrench) to review the Award Package and accept or decline the award. Please save or print the Award Package for your records.

System for Award Management (SAM): Grant recipients are to keep all of their information up to date in SAM, in particular, your organization's name, address, DUNS number, EIN and banking information. Please ensure that the DUNS number used in SAM is the same one used to apply for all FEMA awards. Future payments will be contingent on the information provided in the SAM; therefore, it is imperative that the information is correct. The System for Award Management is located at <http://www.sam.gov>.

If you have any questions or have updated your information in SAM, please let your Grants Management Specialist (GMS) know as soon as possible. This will help us to make the necessary updates and avoid any interruptions in the payment process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridget Bean", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BRIDGET ELLEN BEAN GPD Assistant Administrator

## **Outline of Port Security Grant Program Process and acquisition for the new Patrol Boat**

**April 2018, The Sheriff's office applied for the first time for a Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding to purchase a new boat.**

**July 2018, The Sheriff's office received notice our grant would not be funded even though it was considered a high priority.**

**April 2019, Second application was submitted, reviewed and was selected for award.**

**August 2019, we received notification of the award amount and instructed to complete an Environmental Impact report for the project.**

**September 1, 2019, Award Performance period began and we contact Boston Whaler to confirm our quote and prepare to order the new vessel. Boston Whaler informed the Sheriff's Office that they no longer were manufacturing the model they previously had quoted to us, but they had several open cabin models that may work for our needs.**

**Due to the mission capabilities of the boat we specified, it was determined an open cabin would not meet our needs or permit operations in the WMD/Rad Nuc detection mission. We had to contact another manufacturer who could meet our needs. Metal Shark was contacted and confirmed they could in fact deliver a six person enclosed cabin for WMD/Rad Nuc as well as meet our patrol vessel needs. They provided their quotation based on our needs and were selected to build the same model used by inland waterway's agencies in the maritime security arena.**

**September 25, 2019, The Sheriff's office received the Purchase Contract for the vessel and made the down payment on the order.**

**December 16, 2019, Engineering drawings were received for review and changes prior to construction beginning. Per the Purchase Contract, the build time was estimated at 220 days, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic there were a few delays as Metal Shark's vendors were shut down and not all the components were on hand. Metal Shark continued to build modules of the vessel and as parts delivery began to open up, they completed the project.**

**May 5, 2020, The Sheriff sent two members of the River Unit to Louisiana for the final inspection and sea trials of the vessel. The vessel was at 98% complete but performed as stated in our purchase contract and accepted at that time awaiting delivery.**

**June 25, 2020, The Sheriff received the boat from the delivery company and we will finish outfitting with equipment now that the vessel is here.**